

**Community Supports and Housing Workgroup
Minutes
July 15, 2004**

Present

Bill Anderson (Workgroup Chair), Carol Shaw, David Kludt, Erin Platts, Janet Adams, Kim Blume, Sara McQueed

Staff

Ed Holen, Linda Walling, Donna Patrick

Adjustments to the Agenda

There were none.

Minutes

Under the agenda item "205 Performance Targets and Funding Proposals, the minutes need to state that \$50,000 of the \$65,000 allocated for the Waiting List Campaign proposal will go toward a Project Consultant. To develop and implement a project that will document clients of DDD who need services but are unserved.

Motion: To approve the May minutes as amended, Janet moved and Carol seconded. The motion carried.

Performance Targets and Funding Proposals

Ed gave a project update on the three projects that were discussed in May. He thought we were about a year early in thinking about a project to determine the needs of the unserved. Currently DD is in the process of creating a mini-assessment tool to look at the needs of clients not receiving services and those who will be coming into the system. The result of the mini-assessment will give us data about those needing services and the types of services they require. He recommended the Workgroup hold off on further consideration of a project on the unserved until the mini-assessment is implemented.

The Workgroup discussed a proposal under performance target QA1 relating to quality assurance and consumer protections. This proposal would create volunteer teams to assist DDD Regional Quality Assurance Managers in monitoring the quality of services individuals receive on the Basic, Basic Plus and Core Waivers. The funding includes money for a Coordinator of the Volunteer Teams, training, and travel. DDD has also

request additional funding in a grant they are submitting to the Centers on Medicare and Medicaid Services that will work hand in hand with this project.

Kim moved and Carol seconded to allocate the \$80,000 toward performance target QA1. The motion carried with Janet abstaining.

Home Care Quality Authority Board Representative

The Workgroup discussed who should represent the Council on the board now that Kathy Hull is no longer a Council member. The Council is required by law to have a representative on the board that meets once a month.

Lori Flood has expressed interest in assuming this position and serving as the Council's representative on the board.

Kim moved and David seconded to forward Lori's name to the Council as its representative on the board. The motion carried.

DDD Quality Assurance Update

Janet gave the Workgroup an up-date on quality assurance activities in the division. She shared handouts from a power point presentation about the Division of Developmental Disabilities is responding to the Core Indicators Report the Council produced. (Please recall the Council is supporting independent review teams that review the survey data from the Core Indicator Project and make system change recommendations based on that data.) Janet gave several examples of how DDD is already responding to the recommendations in changes they are making.

Janet also presented information on the quality assurance plan for the four new waivers and the structure that is being put in place to make sure that the waiver services not only meet people's needs, but are of high quality and what people want.

Western State Hospital Update

David reported that the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services (CMS) announced to Washington's mental health system that it would be imposing more restrictive interpretations of federal regulations governing Medicaid managed care than those the system had been operating under since the system went to managed care over ten years ago. Specifically, they have restricted Washington mental health programs' use of Medicaid "savings" (the Medicaid funds left over from the capitation after the needs of persons on Medicaid are met) such that those savings can only be used as of Jan. 1, 2005 for eligible Medicaid persons and services. Washington has relied heavily upon these savings, or leftover funds, to pay for services not covered by Medicaid and to serve people not eligible for Medicaid. While private entities in the physical health arena may continue to use their savings as they wish, public mental health systems like Washington's must conform to new CMS interpretation.

MHD has convened 5 work groups and a coordinating steering committee to analyze and provide direction to system stakeholders in several specific, critical areas.

- 1.) Non-Medicaid Workgroup
- 2.) Residential/In-patient Workgroup
- 3.) Data Workgroup
- 4.) Actuary and Audit Workgroup
- 5.) Medicaid Workgroup

Report to the Council

Erin will give the report.

- The Workgroup voted to allocate \$80,000 performance target QA1.

The Workgroup voted to recommend to the Council that Lori Flood be appointed as the Council's representative to the Home Care Quality Authority Board, replacing Kathy Hull. The motion carried with Phil abstaining.

Agenda for September

- Performance Target discussion
- State Plan Timeline
- HCQAB report
- A representative from Spokane to talk about the RFP

With that the meeting was adjourned.